

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT** were President Sweet, who presided, McClearn, Hart, Ewing, Patterson, Smeltz and McLallen. Chief DiMaria and Maintenance Supervisor Moeller were also present. Matthew Lackey from the Record Argus represented the press.

**OPENING:** President Sweet opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and welcomed all in attendance. President Sweet reviewed the announcements, correspondence and presented the monthly reports to the members of Council.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Hart, seconded by Patterson to approve the minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup> regular session. The motion was carried unanimously.

**VISITORS**

Shelby Clark presented Council with a status report on the HOME Program. At this point three homes were rehabilitated with Act 137 monies and two homes with HOME monies and a third one will be completed shortly. Also, two residents were assisted with USDA funds and three more to be completed. There had been two furnace replacements through the program. Shelby will be back again in January with another update.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

President Sweet reported that all of Chief DiMaria's reports were in order in the absence of Mayor Ehrman. President Sweet also informed Council that Mayor Ehrman would like to have everyone's thoughts about doing more for the residents during the 2011 holiday season.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**WATER & SEWER**

- ⇒ Motion by Ewing, seconded by McLallen to advertise Ordinance No. 494, Setting Conditions for Discontinuance of Water Service. Council held discussions. Hart suggestion imposing a deposit that would cover one quarter's worth of expenses and then submitting to a collection agency as a last resort added to the existing Ordinance if any changes would be made. It was also discussed to have the service contracts kept in the property owner's name and not in the tenant's name. Currently, by ordinance, a lien is placed on the property for the unpaid balance. The motion was not carried (3 - 4).

**FACILITIES, GROUNDS & SAFETY**

- ⇒ Council discussed the status of the property maintenance issues that were questioned by Hart.

**FINANCE & PROPERTY**

- ⇒ Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ Motion by McLallen, seconded by Ewing to approve the payment of bills dated 10/19/10 and 11/3/10 as amended. Council held discussions. The motion was carried by a majority (5 - 2).

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- ⇒ Motion by Hart, seconded by Smeltz to adopt Resolution No. 12 of 2010, Designating the Earned Income Tax Officer as of January 1, 2012. Council held discussions. The motion was not carried (0 – 7).

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

- ⇒ President Sweet provided Council with a review of what was discussed at their last meeting: Road damage from the Marcellus Shale drilling and Lawrence County has taken over the Recycling program.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion by Sweet, seconded by Hart to have Clarion Environmental Services, Inc. test the Municipal Building for asbestos. The motion was carried unanimously.

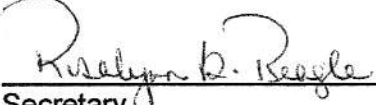
**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA**

Matthew Lackey asked Council a few questions regarding the Marcellus Shale drilling, Resolution No. 12 of 2010 and Ordinance No. 494. Council members answered his questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Smeltz to adjourn this session of Council at 8:23 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Secretary